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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: THRESHOLD LANGUAGES

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has updated the threshold language data reports. These reports are provided to all counties on an annual basis. Attached are the reports for each county for fiscal year 2008-2009. Counties are required to comply with all threshold language requirements contained in Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1810.410 and Cultural Competence Plan (CCP) requirements contained in DMH Information Notice No. 02-03.

“Threshold Language” means a language identified on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) as the primary language of 3,000 beneficiaries or five percent of the beneficiary population, whichever is lower, in an identified geographic area, per Title 9, CCR, Section 1810.410 (f) (3).

Questions regarding how threshold languages are determined should be directed to Terry MacRae at (916) 657-3530 in the Medi-Cal, Epidemiology, & Forecasting Support Unit. Questions regarding threshold language CCP requirements should be directed to your County Operations Liaison in the County Contracts and Technical Assistance Branch at (916) 654-2526; or Rachel Guerrero, Chief of the Office of Multicultural Services at (916) 651-9524.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

STEPHEN W. MAYBERG, Ph.D.  
Director

Enclosures